

September 26, 1983

Open House Committee

At their meeting on September 6, Management Committee approved the establishment of a standing committee composed of one representative from each Division and one representative from College Management. The function of this committee will be:

- A. to make recommendations to College Management regarding dates and the frequency of Open House
- B. to co-ordinate departmental activities for each Open House.

Gordon Gilgan has volunteered to be the Management representative in the initial stages and will request nominations for representatives from each division. Representatives may be from administration, faculty, staff or students.

Bill Day

Curriculum Approvals

It was brought to the attention of Management Committee that a course which had not followed the usual approval process through the governance system was given special approval for offering this fall as part of a program package. This has presented problems since the course is equivalent to another course already offered by the College.

It was agreed by Management Committee that the existing regulations be re-enforced and that no extraordinary approvals will be given in the future.

Bill Day

If You Love This Planet

Terry Nash will be presenting her award winning film, 'If You Love This Planet', on Friday, October 7, 1983.

All College students, staff, faculty and administrators are invited to attend. Admission is free. The film will be shown in the evening with the time and location TBA.

The showing of this film is a jointly sponsored event by the Kwantlen Student Association and Douglas Student Society. Douglas Student Society will be hosting a Social after the film.

Calendars Are Few

The supply of 83/84 calendars is almost exhausted. Arrangements have been made with the Library for calendars to be available on a two week loan.

To borrow a calendar, inquiries should be made at the Circulation desk.

Andy Wilson
Registrar

More On Survival Of The Fittest

A number of persons have asked me what I was getting at in my previous submission on the above topic and so I will attempt to be more specific.

We are all familiar with the theory of evolution which explains our present existence on the basis of the dynamic of natural selection or survival of the fittest. If we came into being by this dynamic then, presumably, we still live in the grip of this dynamic. The theory of evolution does not assign any value to anything that exists. The concept of values is something which we have evolved.

The idea that values change is well known and acclaimed in sociology and philosophy. Therefore, what we are seeing happening in Victoria is a shift in values.

On what basis can we be critical of this shift? Certainly not on the basis of the theory of evolution except, perhaps, in the sense that the shift in values threatens our existence and we would naturally resist such a threat. However, it seems to me that there is a feeling that 'human rights' are being threatened. Where did these rights come from?

The theory of evolution, as already indicated, assigns no rights to anything; not even the right to continue to exist. The rights which we have are simply the rights which exist at any one time. If the rights change, then these new rights are the given rights.

Consequently, what I was trying to infer was that if we accept the theory of evolution as the sole explanation of our 'being', then we have no real basis for many of the values which we hold dear.

We could, of course, take the position of the gentleman who defended the theory of evolution in a debate at SFU last year. I asked the question "If matter is all that we are then what does it really matter what we think on the question as to how we came into being, or any other question, for that matter?"

His reply was, "Well, I don't think that I am only matter. After all, I am a philosopher." If the theory of evolution, which he had defended so staunchly, was true then, he would consist only of matter. What has remained a puzzle to me ever since, was how he could claim to be more than matter by virtue of being a philosopher.

If we want to think of 'rights' as some absolute, we must look to a theory somewhat more robust than the theory of evolution.

In choosing to stand on the theory of evolution, we choose to stand on shifting sand (or should I say, we stand on values subject to mutations). I believe that the poor and disabled have 'rights' in the absolute

sense, but I cannot hold this belief on the basis of the theory of evolution. Under that theory I, too, can justify kicking the crutch out from under the cripple.

The government is now expecting us to live by the theory in which we already believe.

Al Harms

Words From Beth

Dear Friends:

I and my family finally made it to our new location - Northampton, Massachusetts. We travelled and lived in a van, pulled a 2000 pound u-haul trailer with all our earthly possessions for 4000 plus miles - and we survived and made it!

During our re-location, I thought fondly of my career at Douglas. I am most fortunate to have had such a job experience. I enjoyed the constant support of people and the challenge of the job. Most of all I thrived on the playfulness, 'wackoness' and eccentricities of the job.

The people who work at Douglas - that's you - made my job worthwhile, challenging, demanding, exhausting and exciting.

Thank you. I will always remember Douglas College appreciatively.

Beth Hewson
Social Services and Allied Health
Therapeutic Recreation Technician

For Sale

Want to buy an economical, reliable vehicle at a sacrifice price?

I must sell my 73 Toyota Corolla Station Wagon - 3,000 miles on a rebuilt motor, - automatic - snow tires - very clean - in good condition.

Price reduced to \$1375 or nearest reasonable offer.

Contact Lynda Hayward, 520-5400, loc. 3474 or 531-1871.

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Christmas Placemats from Denmark

- 3 patterns to choose from
- \$3.75 each
- table runners and table cloths also available

Contact Sue Skinner, loc. 2604 for more information.

Parlez-Vous Francais?

All faculty and staff are invited to come and practise their french in the Modern Languages Field Base (Room 3600) on Tuesdays between Noon and 1 p.m.

Informal conversation will be led by Richard Massicotte, French Language Assistant.

Please bring your lunch.

Sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Department and funded by The Faculty Professional Development Committee.

Thank You Vancouver

concert by

Miguel Angel Estrella

classical pianist

In appreciation for the efforts of the people of Vancouver in securing his release as a political prisoner in Uruguay.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1983

8:00 P.M.

SFU THEATRE

Works by Bach, Beethoven, Fauré and Liszt

Ticket reservations: 291-3514

Also available from Sabine Mabardi, Rm. 3619

On December 16, 1977, Argentine pianist, Miguel Angel Estrella was seized at his home in Montevideo, Uruguay and held without trial by the army for over two years. The international Committee to Assist Miguel Angel Estrella secured his release in March 1980 and he now lives in France with his family.

Miguel Angel Estrella performs at the SFU Theatre as a gesture of appreciation for those members of the Vancouver community instrumental in securing his release.

Before the split of Douglas College, many faculty, staff and students signed the petition which was instrumental in releasing Miguel.

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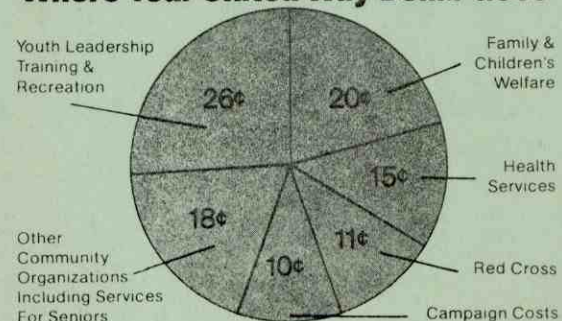
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